

King Donnie  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
King Donnie

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/16/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr.Group VP,Poultry & Prepared

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SPRINGDALE, AR 72765

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	05/15/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	816	A	\$ 0	6,998	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock								950	I	By Spouse
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2012		J <sup>(2)</sup>	V	98	A	\$ 0	71,250	D	
	05/16/2012		M		1,392	A	\$ 9.64	72,642	D	

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Class A Common Stock							
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2012		M	6,960	A	\$ 13.33	79,602 D
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2012		S	1,500	D	\$ 19.49	78,102 D
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2012		S	500	D	\$ 19.48	77,602 D
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2012		S	3,900	D	\$ 19.47	73,702 D
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2012		S	200	D	\$ 19.4739	73,502 D
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2012		S	752	D	\$ 19.46	72,750 D
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2012		S	100	D	\$ 19.45	72,650 D
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2012		S	200	D	\$ 19.4575	72,450 D
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2012		S	1,100	D	\$ 19.44	71,350 D
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2012		S	100	D	\$ 19.43	71,250 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 9.64	05/16/2012			M		1,392		10/10/2004	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	1,392
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 13.33	05/16/2012			M		6,960		09/19/2005	09/09/2013	Class A Common Stock	6,960

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
King Donnie 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72765			Sr.Group VP,Poultry & Prepared	

## Signatures

/s/ R. Read Hudson by Power of Attorney for Donnie King

05/18/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person on December 15, 2012 and March 15, 2012, pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under Issuer's stock plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

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